THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Our intelligence agencies have unearthed the designs of Pak ISI and have been instrumental in apprehension of a large number of their operatives. Several plans of Pak ISI to create disturbances in the country have been foiled due to timely action by our intelligence agencies.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Functioning of Human Rights Commission

2397. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Human Rights Commission has started functioning with adequate infrastructure;

(b) whether it has examined some complaints regarding the infringement of human rights, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have suggested to the State Governments for setting up similar organisations in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission has taken cognizance of some complaints regarding violation of Human Rights. The Commission has also taken cognizance of some cases *suo moto* on the basis of Press Reports. In some cases, the Commission has directed investigation by appropriate authorities. In other cases, the Commission has called for Report from the State Government concerned.

(c) There are provisions in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for setting up of State Human Rights Commission by the State Government in Sections 21 to 29. It is upto the State Government to constitute the State Human Rights Commission.

Bomb Blasts on the Eve of Indo-Pak Secretary level talks

2398. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the eve of recent Indo-Pakistan Secretary-level talks (commencing January 2, 1994) militants in Kashmir set off a series of bomb blasts which was associated with attempts by Pak troops to infiltrate Pak trained militants across the borders and line of control; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken by Government to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) In the days preceding the bilateral talks between India and Pakistan, the militants increased their activities in Jammu and Kashmir. Attempts were also made by the Pakistani troops to push in trained militants into our side by resorting to firing, etc. to provide cover, but due to alertness the security forces on the border/LOC have succeeded in foiling a large number of such attempts.

Vigilance and patrolling on the LOC/ border has been intensified and the arrangements in this regard are kept under constant review with the aim of checking infiltration/exfiltration.

Pak Arms in Kashmir Valley

2399. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Sunday Times of January 2, 1994, captioned "Pak inducts latest arsenal in valley"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's information and assessment about the nature, origin and extent of the arms and ammunition pumped into the valley by Pakistan and the details of the armhauls seized by